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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know whether they have made enquiries if in this case the Government Order has been obeyed?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" All orders are presumed to be obeyed."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Have the Government made enquiries?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" I have already answered in the negative."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Will the Government make enquiries?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" As the hon. Member makes himself responsible for the statement that the order has not been obeyed, I will enquire."

Proposed abolition of the Atmakur Revenue division.

* 487 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Atmakur Revenue division in Nellore district is going to be abolished as a measure of retrenchment; and

(*b*) if so, from what date; and how the redistribution of the Revenue divisions in the district will be made?

A.—(*a*) Yes, orders to that effect have been issued.

(*b*) The date has not been fixed. On the abolition of the Atmakur division, the Udayagiri taluk will be added to the Kavali division and the Atmakur taluk to the Nellore division.

Resurvey in South Kanara.

* 488 *Q.*— Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the question of resurvey in South Kanara?

A.—The Government have decided that owing to the present financial stringency the resurvey operations in the South Kanara district should be suspended immediately.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know, Sir, whether the question of resurvey in South Kanara district will be re-opened after the present financial stringency has passed off?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" That is a matter for decision by the Government at that time."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know for what period the Survey Party was working in South Kanara district?"

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Is it not a waste of expenditure for the Government if they stop re-survey operations in the middle?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"In certain cases it may be necessary to complete the operations that are going on and then stop further work."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether resurvey has been given up in other districts also?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"It has been also suspended in Salem. I am not sure of other districts. I must ask for notice of that question."

Public Service

Increments to unpassed clerks in the Registration Department.

* 489 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether unpassed men serving as clerks in the Registration Department were allowed certain increments in their pay;

(*b*) whether the Inspector-General of Registration was authorized to exempt unpassed men and allow them to draw increments up to Rs. 50 in G.O. No. 722, Education, dated 13th June 1922;

(*c*) whether such exemptions and increments are now being objected to by the Accountant-General; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to regularize their own Government Order and help the poor clerks?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; but provided that *bona fide* efforts had been made without success to get suitable qualified men for the posts. This power was, however, subsequently withdrawn in 1926.

(*c*) Objection was taken only in respect—

(i) of clerks who were not specifically exempted by the Inspector-General in respect of the time-scale of pay;

(ii) of clerks who were exempted by the Inspector-General after the power of exemption had been withdrawn from heads of departments; and

(iii) of clerks who had been permitted to draw increments irregularly from a date prior to that on which they were exempted.